JAMES ALEXANDER.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 456.]

MARCH 23, 1860.

Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Alexander, report :

That they have had the same under consideration, and from the proofs in the case, it appears that the petitioner was a private in Captain Joseph Markle's company of light dragoons, from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in the war of 1812, for the space of twelve months. The petitioner was healthy when he entered the service, and came out disabled and diseased. He was at the battle of Massinaway, in Major Ball's cavalry, and in returning, having to make forced marches to avoid the Indians that were pursuing the troops, had his feet severely frozen. He was afterwards at the siege or battle of Fort Meigs, where a cannon ball from the enemy struck the pickets and threw splinters therefrom, one of which struck the petitioner on the side of the head, causing blood to flow freely from his eyes, nose, and mouth, since which time the petitioner has been deaf in one ear ; this, together with the freezing of his feet, in the winter of 1812 and 1813, has totally disabled and deprived him of obtaining a livelihood by manual labor. These facts are proven to the entire satisfaction of your committee by John Hasson and J. Q. Robinson, two reputable physicians, and by J. C. Plumer, the orderly sergeant of the company in which the petitioner served, and by Jacob Marke, the lieutenant in Captain Joseph Markle's company. Your committee concur in the opinion that the case is meritorious and sustained by the necessary evidence, and therefore report a bill granting him a pension at the rate of $8 per month from January 1, 1860, and recommend its passage.